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Romulus adds revenue to city budget

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Members of the Romulus City Council accepted two additions to the city budget last week.

The first was a $50,000 one-time lease payment from American Towers, LLC as an incentive to extend the current lease of a cell tower at 6900 Wayne Road through 2054. The tower, originally leased by the company from the city in 2011, has a current lease which will expire in 2034, according to city officials. The company wanted to extend the lease to ensure access to the cell tower. American Towers, LLC rents service on the tower to various other cell phone service providers.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams noted that in 2019, the company paid $2,454 to the city in summer taxes, in addition to the monthly $1,998 lease fee and another $471 in winter taxes on the tower. The new lease agreement includes a 4-percent increase for each year of the contract.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff explained that the renewal was at the recommendation of Finance Director Stacy Paige and the city attorney who had reviewed the lease provisions.

Williams said she was concerned after doing "research" about safeguards to ensure that the type of service on the tower could not be changed to a 5-G type of service, which she said, she understood emits an unacceptable level of radiation. She said she was concerned about any possible health threat from the tower to local residents.

Burcroff said that the current tower is not 5-G and that any modification to that service would have to be negotiated with the city. He said that from various reports he had heard, the cell companies would be installing repeaters at lower levels which would not necessitate any change to the tower.

"They want to lock in that they have the tower lease," Burcroff said. "Other communities have opted to sell towers. This is not for 5-G and nothing like that has been proposed," he said.

In addition, a grant of $47,550 from the federal bureau of justice was accepted unanimously by the council members.

The grant, designated to help support city emergency costs during the coronavirus pandemic will be used for public safety funding, Burcroff told the council members.

Interim Superintendent Jill Simmons, left, Board of Education President David Cox and William D. Ford Career-Technical Center Principal Jennifer LaDuke broke ground on the construction project at the William D. Ford Vocational Technical Center recently.

School district building renovations under way

> *Improvements, particularly in security, are also planned at both the middle and elementary schools.*

One of the first projects funded by the $158 million bond approved by voters last November officially got under way May 11 at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center. Construction of a new front entrance that includes a main office addition with a secure entry, an expansion of the culinary arts area including the total remodeling of the kitchen and banquet center and upgrades throughout the entire building is expected to continue through late November or early December, officials said.

The bond issue will fund improvements at each district school and will address safety, security, health, energy efficiency, accessibility, and technology issues, officials said.

Every room in the Marquette Road technical center will be improved with paint, flooring, lighting, heating and other improvements. Officials said the goal is to bring the culinary arts program to a state-of-the art level with a complete redesign and expansion to meet the growing enrollment, which is increasing every year.

Students at the technical center may be moved to other district facilities while construction is under way, officials said in a prepared statement. Currently, the center offers more than 19 technical training programs.

According to a spokesman, the coronavirus pandemic caused some delay in the beginning of construction, but the plan is now back on schedule. A bid to complete renovations at Wayne Memorial High School should be issued this fall and the bid for work at John Glenn High School should be ready by next spring, officials said.

Improvements, particularly in security, are also planned at both the middle and elementary schools.

Sumpter police arrest suspect in tire-iron assault

A Willis man is facing several felony charges in connection with an assault on a Sumpter Township victim in his home last month.

According to police reports, Norman Johnson, 31, of Willis, was arraigned on a four-count felony warrant stemming from an incident at a residence in the 23000 block of Elwell Road on Saturday, May 16. He is charged with assault with intent to murder; home invasion, first degree; assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Prosecutors allege that Johnson forced entry into the residence occupied by the 26-year-old male victim, an acquaintance of his. Johnson then proceeded to attack the victim, striking him about the head and torso with a tire iron causing severe injuries, according to police reports.

The victim exited the residence with Johnson in pursuit, continuing the attack in the yard before the victim was eventually able to break free and flee on foot, police said.

The victim returned to the residence to call 911 after Johnson fled the scene in a silver Ford Explorer.

Sumpter Township Police Sgt. Joseph Balowski responded to the scene and observed the suspect vehicle westbound on Willow Road near Rawsonville and made a traffic stop as it crossed into Washtenaw County. Johnson was taken into custody at the traffic stop without incident but denied any knowledge of the incident or even being on Elwell, according to police reports.

The incident, however, was caught on the victim's home security camera system, police said.

Johnson remains in police custody in lieu of a $50,000 bond set by the court at his arraignment.

Norman Johnson

SOCIAL DISTANCING
What does it mean?
Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.
Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
Visit a local restaurant to get take out
Visit grocery store
Pick up medications
Play tennis in a park
Keep at least 6' - 8' between yourself and others

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY – VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth
The council meeting was held in accordance to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, (1) (a), that a meeting of a public body may be held electronically, by telephone or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams,
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda

A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. # 20-119 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #20-120 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the FY 2020/21 Preliminary Budget.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to Accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Mayor Burcroff acknowledged and thanked Abbie Akins, the Financial and Administrative Teams, and the City Council for working collaboratively on the FY 2020/21 Budget.

A. Res. # 20-121 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy Authorization for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as submitted by Mayor Burcroff.

CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and millage rates to support this budget.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.
SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	$	99,770
MAYOR		754,610
CLERK		689,550
FINANCIAL SERVICES		11,567,320
TREASURER		451,460
PUBLIC SAFETY		1,440,850
PUBLIC SERVICES		3,757,490
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		314,220
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL		669,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**19,744,870**
REVENUES		
PROPERTY TAXES	$	8,676,500
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		216,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES		-
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES		4,181,040
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		814,770
FINES & FORFEITS		1,300,000
INTEREST & RENTS		620,880
OTHER REVENUES		1,793,260
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS		63,770
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS		1,274,200
TOTAL REVENUES		18,940,420
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		804,450
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**19,744,870**

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	$	3,131,650
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS		-
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND		205,730
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES		3,337,380
REVENUES		2,382,290
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		955,090
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**3,337,380**

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	$	1,018,780
REVENUES		786,330
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		232,450
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**1,018,780**

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	$	14,029,510
REVENUES		14,029,510

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	$	2,661,757
REVENUES		2,662,648

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	$	8,000
REVENUES		80
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		7,920
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**8,000**

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	$	371,600
REVENUES		373,330

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	$	131,720
REVENUES		99,740
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		31,980
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**131,720**

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	$	625,010
REVENUES		621,380
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		3,630
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**625,010**

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	$	8,500
REVENUES		20,910

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	$	2,300
REVENUES		3,700

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	$	1,304,930
REVENUES		1,352,580

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	$	39,560
REVENUES		39,560

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	$	514,370
REVENUES		561,990

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	$	162,200
REVENUES		154,760
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		7,440
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**162,200**

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	$	57,160
REVENUES		1,800
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		55,360
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**57,160**

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	$	125,000
REVENUES		52,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		73,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**125,000**

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	$	986,040
REVENUES		870,340
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		115,700
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**986,040**

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	$	86,620
REVENUES		76,770
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		9,850
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**86,620**

SECTION 21 That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	$	1,041,980
REVENUES		1,053,980

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	$	1,282,880
REVENUES		1,283,380

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	$	205,730
REVENUES		205,740

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	$	320,000
REVENUES		90,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		230,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**320,000**

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE		
REVENUES	$	25,500

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	$	899,340
REVENUES		5,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		894,340
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**899,340**

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	$	29,420
REVENUES		500
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		28,920
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**29,420**

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	$	17,530,070
REVENUES		17,268,340
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		261,730
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**17,530,070**

SECTION 29 That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	$	2,912,970
REVENUES		1,130,150
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		1,782,820
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**2,912,970**

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	$	803,010
REVENUES		714,490
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		88,520
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**803,010**

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	$	612,600
REVENUES		619,720

SECTION 32. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	$	2,868,160
REVENUES		2,980,680

SECTION 33.That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	$	3,590
REVENUES		9,760

SECTION 34.That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	$	630,250
REVENUES		500,160
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		130,090
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**630,250**

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	$	8,574,260
REVENUES		6,806,240
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE		1,768,020
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		**8,574,260**

SECTION 36. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 34th District Court on an activity basis, the following:

34th DISTRICT COURT	$	4,902,300
REVENUES		4,902,300

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	$	11,475,620

SECTION 38. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.
SECTION 39. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.0465
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	0.0640

SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays - Kathy Abdo, Virginia Williams
Motion Carried

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer
The City Treasurer reported that tax and water payments made through May 8th have been processed and credited to accounts.
8. Public Comment - None
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Warrant

A. Res. # 20-122 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** for Approval of Warrant # 20-9 for checks presented in the amount of $1,067,547.66.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication
Councilwoman Talley announced the Food Benefit Card program for families with students enrolled in Romulus Community Schools. Cards will be issued in the amount of $193.80 per student for the months of March and April and $182.40 for the months of May and June. Families do not need to apply, the card(s) will automatically be mailed to each household. Talley also gave an update on the 2020 Census response rate for the City of Romulus which is currently at 66.9%.
Councilwoman Williams announced the Forgotten Harvest food distribution on Tuesdays at RHS, beginning at 1:00pm until the food is gone and the Gleaners food distribution services.
13. Adjournment

A. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams for Adjournment.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 11, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Lawsuit claims evictions were illegal

A non-profit addiction recovery organization has filed a lawsuit against a Canton Township apartment complex claiming the management committed both fair housing and civil rights violations in evicting program clients.

Joseph Paliwoda, CEO of Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc. filed the federal lawsuit last week against the owners of Crossings at Canton. Co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit are LIGHT House and the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit. The plaintiffs claim through the court filing that when the apartment complex was sold to Crossing Owner LLC and Pepper Pike Property Management LLC in 2018, 70 of his clients were evicted from their apartments. The lawsuit alleges that the new owners refused to renew leases with LIGHT House clients and the nearly $230,000 in annual rental payments based on a desire for a "different demographic." The filing claims that the rental payments were made on time and that the actions of the management company and owners was based on the disabilities of the tenants involved, all LIGHT House clients.

> *The group currently has about 125 clients in various apartment complexes who are regularly visited by staff members and screened for substance abuse.*

The new owners sent LIGHT House 'Notice to Quit, Termination of Tenancy" forms in December of 2018 along with a letter claiming renovations at the apartment complex would require the tenants to leave. The lawsuit alleges that during this time, the apartment complex continued to advertise rental units with "Immediate Occupancy."

Clients of LIGHT House spend about 10 weeks in the outpatient recovery program including housing in the furnished apartment units at Crossings of Canton, which is near treatment centers in Plymouth and Canton, according to Paliwoda. The group currently has about 125 clients in various apartment complexes who are regularly visited by staff members and screened for substance abuse.

LIGHT House located alternate apartment housing for the clients, Paliwoda said, but the ensuing financial losses and emotional distress inflicted on the clients was stressful, prompting the lawsuit seeking legal redress for the "blatant" and "harmful" actions of the complex owners.

New rules may help restaurants' reopenings

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved a Social District Designation last week that will allow the expansion of outdoor restaurant patios on public areas June 8 when the state Stay at Home orders expire and restaurants are allowed to serve dine-in customers. The designation would allow restaurants to use the additional public space until Nov. 1.

The city will be designating parking spaces in front of restaurants for use by the establishments to increase seating capacity and allow for social distancing next week.

Restaurant owners will need to apply with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to be allowed to serve alcohol in the newly-designated areas. The process is being streamlined by the Michigan Liquor License Control Commission. Owners must apply for this license to take advantage of future opportunities to expand patio seating into public spaces. To apply visit: https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89505-529626--,00.html.

> *The DDA is suggesting restaurant owners purchase one or more covers to designate their business.*

As part of the plan, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be working with GraphX to make covers for the necessary 8-feet-by 5-feet city barricades that will be used to designate the street cafes.

The DDA is suggesting restaurant owners purchase one or more covers to designate their business.

The DDA was able to secure a reduced price of $135 per banner which can be used all season.

To order the covers, visit the DDA website.

Masks donated to Plymouth Township workers

As a marine who served overseas, John Lacny said he has a lot of respect for public safety and those fighting COVID-19 on the front lines. That prompted his recent donation of 150 KN95 equivalent masks for the Plymouth Township Police and Fire departments, he said.

"It is an honor to be able to help the men and women that work every day to keep up us safe and healthy," said Lacny, who is currently seeking office as state representative from Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Northville Township, the City of Northville, and part of Canton Township. "What made this opportunity even more special was that we were able to make the donation during National Police Week."

President John F Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; the week in which that date falls is National Police Week. During this week, prior to the COVID-19 crisis, more than 25,000 attendees would visit Washington D.C. to honor those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Public service has been a long tradition in my family," Lacny continued. "I was proud to serve our country in the United State Marine Corps, my uncles and cousin served on the Chicago police force, and my cousin Admiral Mullen served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. I also worked for Raytheon in the Middle East to help defend our allies and our National Defense interests. Therefore, being able to provide PPE to our Public Safety officials during National Police Week is a complete honor."

"No one wants to lose lives to COVID-19 any more then they want to see someone lose their life to senseless violence. When you see our police and firefighters please thank them for everything they are doing to protect us, and please pray for those families that have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 virus," concluded Lacny.

SYNOPSIS
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: **Thursday, May 21, 2020**
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Fred Shadko, Treasurer
Scott Frush, Trustee
Symantha Heath, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **Plante Moran - Audit Presentation** - Presented
   - B. **HDC Reappointment - Fred Shadko** - Approved
   - C. **Landfill Working Committee Report** - Presented
3. **Public Hearing: MITC Brownfield Plan, Amendment #1** - Open and Conducted
4. **Brief Public Comments:** One resident had a question or comment for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **MITC Brownfield Plan, Amendment #1** - Approved
   - B. **Parks & Recreation - Roofing Project** - Approved
   - C. **Community Park Infield Project** - Approved
   - D. **Request for Temporary Sign** - Approved
   - E. **Northville Youth Network - Bylaw Amendment** - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**

A. **In the amount of $4,867,516.12 for the period of March 7, 2020 to May 1, 2020.** - Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. Robert R Nix, Marjorie Banner, Fred Shadko, Scott Frush, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees** - None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available on June 3, 2020.
Respectfully submitted:
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ZONE 5 - Target Subdivisions

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Glengarry Village #4
Glengarry Village #5
Glengarry Village #6
Glengarry Woods
Greenbrook Village #1
Greenbrook Village #2
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Lexington Square #2
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Also

Miscellaneous Locations and Metro Act Locations throughout Canton Township

ALL subdivisions located in **ZONE FIVE** are south of Cherry Hill Road, east of Canton

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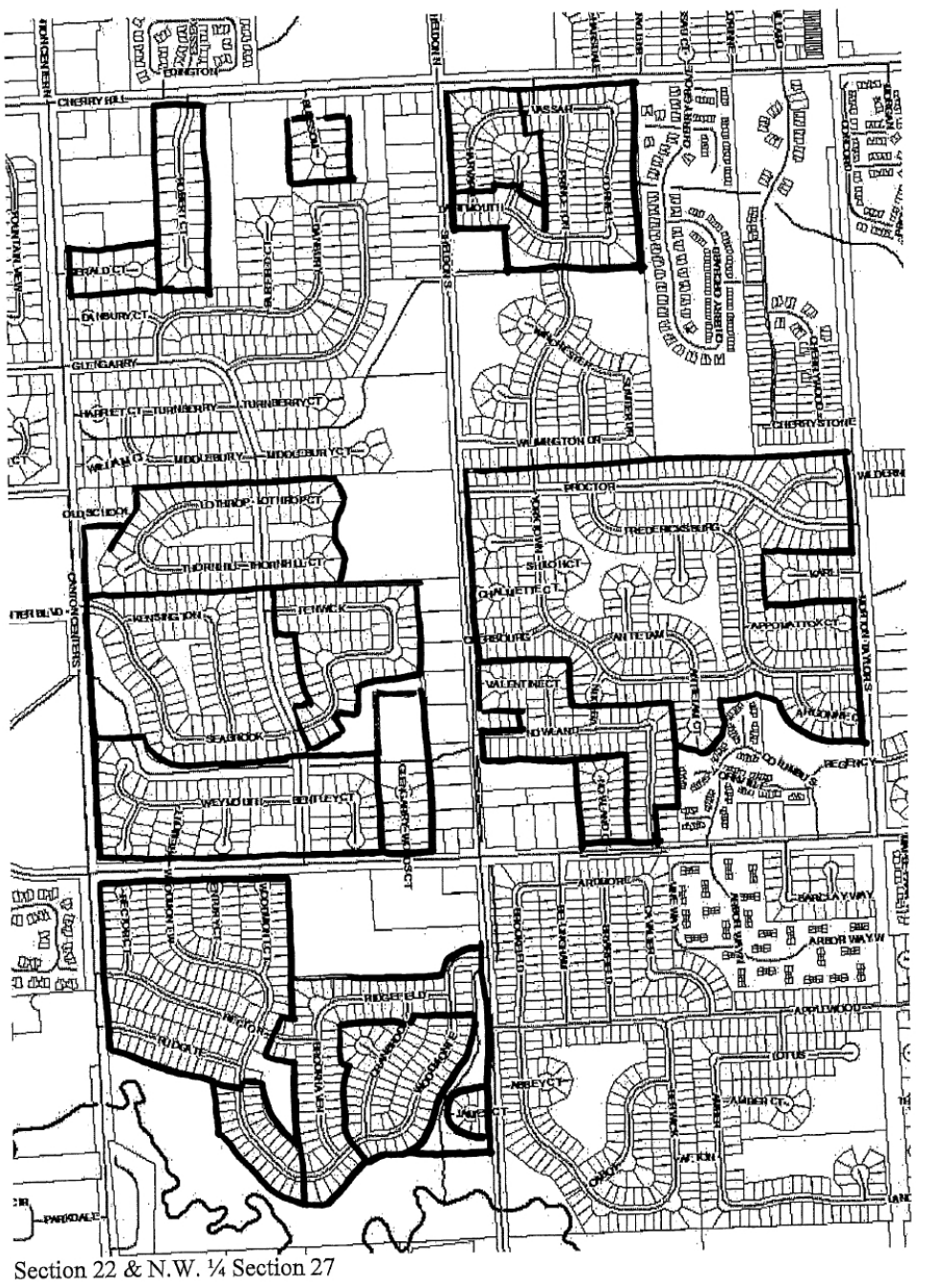
2020 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM - TARGET ZONE FIVE SUBDIVISIONS



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 at 5 :00 PM for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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Belleville - Romulus

Belleville Rotary Club awards annual scholarships

The 75th Annual Scholarship Program of the Rotary Club of Belleville took a step into the future with an electronic presentation recently.

The Zoom presentation of three $5,000 scholarships May 19 was necessitated by the current coronoavirus pandemic stay at home executive order of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Belleville area resident graduates Collin Patrick Attard and Haley Raw Bellingham were each awarded an academic scholarship and Joseph Randall Budd received the community service scholarship from the Rotary Club members.

Belleville Rotary Club President Rachel Kozlowski offered welcoming remarks followed by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott's introduction of keynote speaker Mike Kole, chairman of the Kole Performance Group, and interim director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as professor of leadership at Northwood University.

Kole's presentation, directed primarily at the student awardees, described historical challenges in previous generations that were often met and solved by dreamers - men and women - who pursued their challenges with persistence and overcame the roadblocks were in their way. He suggested everyone should find their dream and then explained that whatever a person's dream might be - even if it is unclear how it can be realized, it should be pursued. It will be through persistent process that our current generation of dreamers will recognize and resolve the issues that face them and us, he told the Zoom meeting club members.

Following Kole's address, the scholarship presentations were made by members of the Belleville club scholarship committee, Glenn Silvenis, Parrott, and Kozlowski presenting the final award. Each of the winners thanked the Rotary club members and spoke about their plans going forward and how the scholarships will assist them in reaching academic goals.

Following the presentations, Kozlowski thanked all the virtual attendees, the scholarship committee and any others whose work made the evening possible.

The Rotary Club of Belleville has now awarded $567,500 to Belleville High School students as part of the club scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding or partial funding of many projects.

2 men face charges in fatal gas station shooting

Two men have been arrested in the shooting death of a third at a Romulus gas station.

According to police reports, officers were called to the Shell station in the 27000 block of Eureka Road near Inkster Road at about 8:35 p.m. May 19 in response to a 911 call that a man had been shot at the location.

When officers arrived on the scene, they observed personnel from the Romulus Fire Department rescue and the City of Taylor rescue teams at the location along with the body of Brian Eugene Davis, a 40-year-old Romulus man who had apparently suffered a gunshot wound. The victim had been pronounced dead at the scene by the medical personnel and was subsequently transported from the gas station parking lot.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Diontay Reece McMillon, 31 of Canton Township and Gerald Stefan Nelson, 50 of Ypsilanti Township, in connection with the fatal shooting of Davis.

It is alleged that the victim was unknown to either defendant and that as Davis approached the defendants' vehicle in the gas station lot, passenger McMillon pulled a weapon and fired, fatally striking the victim. The suspects drove from the scene at a high rate of speeditnesses said. The suspect vehicle was spotted by Taylor police and a car chase ensured when the suspects, traveling west on Ecorse Road, disregarded a red light and subsequently crashed into another vehicle. Officers from both Taylor and Romulus arrested the pair and officers reportedly recovered a handgun at the scene.

McMillon has been charged with first degree murder; felon in possession of a firearm; felony firearm and fleeing and eluding - third degree.

Nelson has been charged with fleeing and eluding - third degree.

Both defendants were arraigned May 24 in 34th District Court in Romulus.

Special tribute

The Romulus VFW Post 9568 Honor Guard hosted a Memorial Day ceremony last week at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. The VFW members and the public honored fallen soldiers with tributes and by placing American flags at veterans' graves. Mayor LeRoy Burcroff delivered a brief speech recognizing the sacrifice and service of local heroes.

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1. Obituaries

Betty Ann Dryer

Betty Ann Barnes Dryer, 102, of Wayne, who began every day with a positive thought and a grateful heart, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Born in Kinderhook, on Nov.18, 1917, to Otis O. and Bernice Barnes, she was later joined by a sister, Ruth, and a brother, Jack. While attending Cleary College, she met and married C.K. Dryer, a medical student at the University of Michigan.

The couple settled in Wayne, where Mrs. Dryer became an active member of the First Congregational Church, the Wayne Garden Club (eventually a Life Member), and the Women's Auxiliary of Annapolis Hospital. She was also a proud member of The Mayflower Society.

Mrs. Dryer loved gardening, traveling, volunteering, working in her husband's medical office, serving the Wayne community, crocheting, and embroidering.

Her beloved husband, Dr. C.K. Dryer, M.D. preceded her in death after 72 years of marriage.

Among her survivors are her children, Kendra (Stuart) Ross of Naperville, Il; Richard (Mary Dee) Dryer of Pinckney and Diana (Martin) Stadtmiller of Northville; eight beloved grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four nieces, and one nephew.

Private services have taken place.

59. Auctions

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland readies for return of city hall workers

Westland officials began a phased Return to Business Plan Monday which reopened Westland City Hall and the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in limited capacities. The Assessing, Building, City Clerk, Economic Development, Finance, Planning, Public Service and Water/Sewer Departments will all resume normal operations, officials said.

In response to the pandemic and associated closures, the city placed 2/3 of non-public safety employees on temporary furlough. With the implementation of phase 1 of the return to business plan, employees will be brought back from furlough as demand increases. The city has also installed glass barriers around employee work stations and at the front counter to ensure staff can work and service residents safely.

Residents are encouraged to conduct city business on www.cityofwestland.com and to utilize the drop boxes located outside city hall, but staff will be available to assist individuals who prefer to conduct business in person. As required by the state, employees will be required to wear masks while working. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves and hand sanitizer will be provided to employees and residents conducting business in city hall, if needed.

Westland will not be hosting events or renting out city facilities and public meetings will continue to take place virtually at this time.

"Our team has been hard at work over the past few months, working to provide the essential services that are needed to keep Westland up and running while implementing safeguards and social distancing measures to ensure when our city buildings reopen, we can do so safely," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

Westland will continue to follow the State of Michigan recommendations from the MI Safe Start Plan and will move into the next phases of a return to business plan as restrictions on public gatherings

are relaxed. Phase 2 will focus on the creation of plans and policies that will allow the city to conduct public meetings in person, officials said. Phase 3 will involve the opening of other city facilities, park amenities and accepting room and pavilion rentals.

"I want to thank the residents of Westland for their contribution to flattening the curve in Wayne County as well as the employees of the City of Westland for maintaining their professionalism throughout these challenging times," Wild concluded.

State Wayne owners plan for 'clean' reopening

Owners of the State Wayne Theatre are hoping for a re-opening July 1.

A spokesman from Phoenix Theatres, which has owned the historic Michigan Avenue theater since 2000, said the past two decades have had difficult challenges typical of operating a small business, but "none of these problems have been as serious as the current COVID-19 pandemic."

"This challenge was completely unexpected, and affects literally everyone in the world," explained Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres. "We have faith in the human need to interact with one another and the art we present at the movies. It is unique to our American experience, as movies are one of our greatest cultural contributions to the world. Our business is both local and very social by nature and uniquely disadvantaged in a pandemic crisis."

The movie industry is not only closed at local theaters, but all production has stopped on new feature films as well, he added. The film studios have responded by literally rescheduling all films beginning later this summer and in some cases 2021. As the film industry grapples with these unprecedented problems, Phoenix Theatres decided to proactively shift their focus to offer solutions that could make a difference, he explained..

"Our management group has spent the past few months working on developing a comprehensive plan with CDC guidance to carefully re-open our theatres," Jacobson said. "We are hopeful that all of our locations will be able to open by July 1 to support the return of Hollywood's summer blockbuster movies to the big screen."

> *"In between each showing, theater workers will use a food grade disinfectant spray on all seats.*

"Prior to our re-opening, we will be traveling to our theatre locations in Iowa, Massachusetts, and Michigan with our small specialized training group to individually work with every employee in the company," said Sheena Hohman, director of employee training and development. "This will ensure a complete understanding of the importance of following our newly-established guidelines for operations. By providing our employees with the tools and training necessary we can establish a safe movie-going environment for both our employees and guests."

Phoenix Theatres plans to incorporate both CDC and local government standards on how a theater should safely operate. Working closely with the National Association of Theatre Owners and with the help of our management and employees we have established new safety protocols for every aspect of the theatre, Hohman said.

"We will have social distancing guidelines in all the common areas and most importantly in the theatre auditoriums. The seating layout will automatically be configured within our reserved seating computer software, so that customers will not be within 6 feet of other guests not in their family group. Each employee will wear masks and other protective equipment and ticketing and concessions transactions have been streamlined to minimize tough points.

"In between each showing, theater workers will use a food grade disinfectant spray on all seats that removes 99.99 percent of all viruses on surfaces within 30 seconds.

"We will be using this disinfectant spray on high touch points throughout the building including the restrooms and concession areas," she said. "In addition, hand sanitizer stations will also be provided for customer use throughout the theater."

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Inkster - Northville

Special celebration

Couple beats near fatal COVID-19 disease

David and Charlunda Thompson of Inkster will have a lot to celebrate next month when they mark their 21st wedding anniversary.

The most important aspect of the event will be that they are both alive and together.

The couple was separated for 45 days earlier this year while fighting the coronavirus. Charlunda spent 29 days in Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn where the couple went to be evaluated for the disease in March. She was admitted immediately and spent 16 days on a ventilator, while David was initially sent home, but later rushed as an emergency to Beaumont Hospital Wayne where doctors determined that his body was shutting down.

His sister, a doctor, advised him to use all his remaining strength to sit up on the side of his hospital bed and continue to talk to her, often for a continuous seven hours at a time, making breathing easier for him.

Thompson said the difficulty of the disease is often underrated and that his the physical strain actually made him want to weep.

"I thought, if I go to sleep, I won't wake back up," the middle school teacher said. "So I was determined not to go to sleep."

His wife, a hospice care nurse, said that for her, the most difficult part of the situation was not knowing what her husband's condition might be or if he was OK. She said that waking up in the ICU was very difficult with no family around.

"I didn't know if I would see him again," she said.

The pair were reunited earlier this month, seeing each other for the first time in 45 days at the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center.

The muscles in Charlunda's upper legs were so weakened by the COVID-19 virus, she needed extensive therapy and rehabilitation to learn to walk again, a result of the wasting effects of the disease on patients' bodies.

The couple is together again, now, in their Inkster home, and looking forward to a very special anniversary celebration next month.

Mother sent for competency hearing in stabbing

An Inkster mother has been ordered to undergo a competency examination by the court in connection with the stabbing death of her 3-year-old son.

Atiya Nina Muhammed, 26, is facing charges of first degree premeditated murder, felony murder, first degree child abuse and torture. Each of the charges carries a maximum penalty of life in prison upon conviction.

No bail is allowed in first-degree murder charges and Muhammed remains in custody at the Wayne County Jail.

She was arrested May 6, the same day her 3-year-old son, Zion Reid, was found dead in the home the two occupied in the 26440 block of Lehigh Street in Inkster. Family members had gone to the home to check on the welfare of the mother and son when Muhammed failed to answer repeated phone calls over several days. Family members entered the home with a key and discovered the child's body in a back bedroom.

Inkster police officers were dispatched to the scene at about 2:44 p.m. and Muhammed was initially reported missing, but was arrested at about 6 p.m. later the same day in a cooperative police effort

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office determined the child died from multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma injuries.

Muhammed was referred for the competency examination at a May 20 court appearance in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Wide field of candidates fills Northville primary ballot

Don Howard
Staff Writer

In Northville Township, the slate of candidates seeking election Aug. 4 includes 12 Republicans and a lone Democrat.

Filing for reelection to the position of township supervisor were incumbent Supervisor Robert R. Nix, III and Mark J. Abbo, who served as supervisor from 2000 until 2012.

Nix said he's looking forward to another term and praised his board members and their commitment.

"Everyone here is dedicated and committed to serving the township and doing what's best for our residents." Nix said.

Abbo announced his retirement as township supervisor in 2012. During his term, the state closed Northville Psychiatric Hospital and the resulting proposed development at the site prompted a period of turmoil and animus between the township and the City of Livonia. The situation led to open arguments, lawsuits and an effort at annexation of Northville by Livonia. Abbo was appointed fiscal director for the Wayne County Commission in 2016.

Marjorie F. Banner, the incumbent township clerk is seeking reelection to the full-time position and will be challenged by Roger Lundberg, a former engineering director at Fiat-Chrysler Corp.

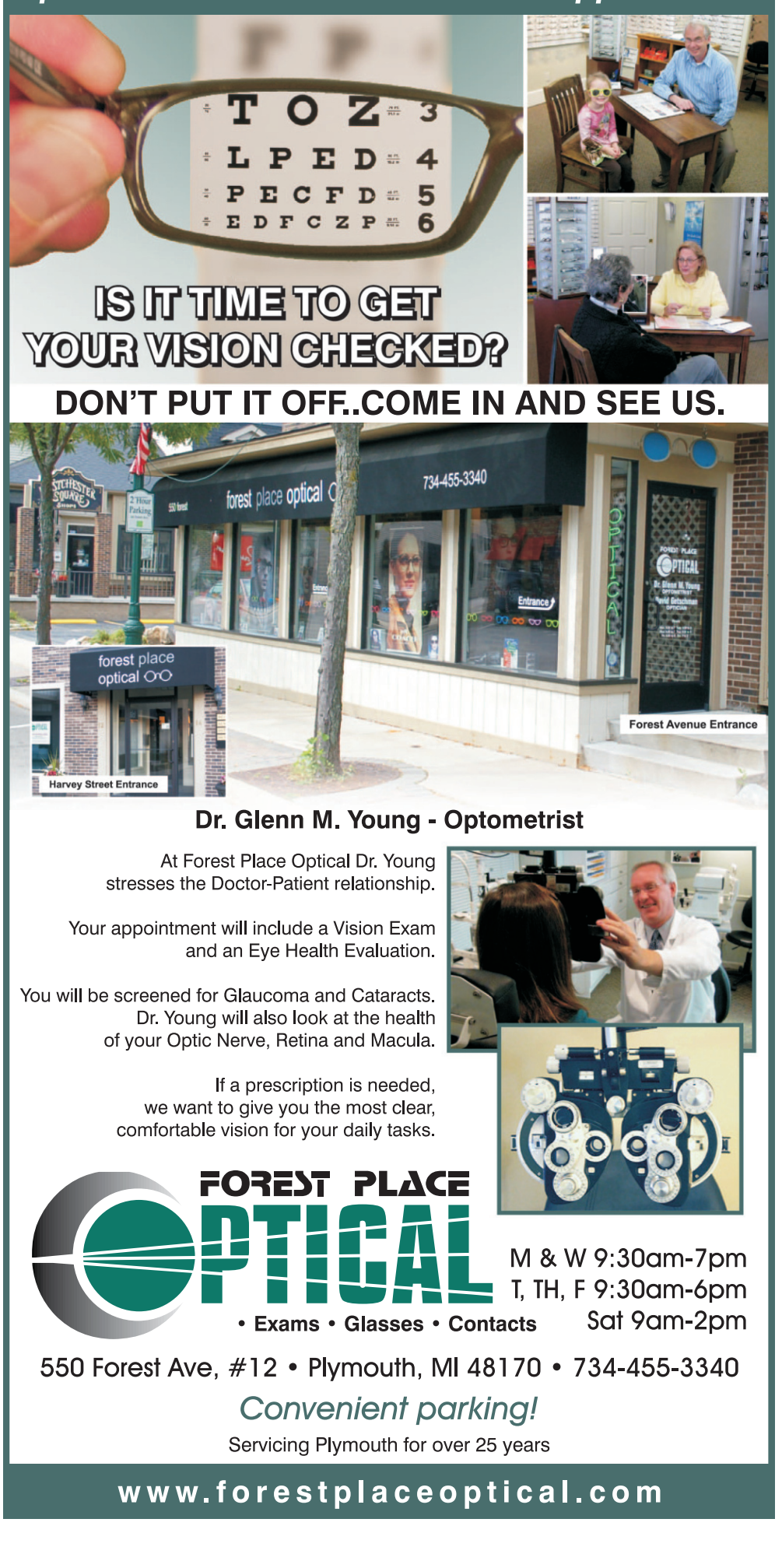
Vying for the office of treasurer in the township will be incumbent Fred Shadk who will be opposed by Jason Rhines.

Candidates for the four terms of office as members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees will be incumbents Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann and Chris Roosen.

The incumbents will be challenged by Cyndy Jankowski, Steve McCurik, Kevin Johnston and Mohammad Aslam, the only Democrat on the ballot.

The winners of the Aug. 4 election for trustee will determine which names appear on the Republican ticket Nov. 3 to challenge Aslam, the only Democratic candidate.

All terms of office in the township are four years and the successful candidates in November will serve from November of 2020 until November of 2024.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